Closure units of HFC and FCI

338. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) why Government are planning to close down all units of HFC and FCI excepting Namrup and Sindri units;

(b) whether Government are aware that by closing down all of them, there will be a huge shortfall of 2.3 million tons of urea per annum; and

(c) if so, how Government are going to make the shortfall?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (c) The revival packages for revamp of Barauni, Durgapur and Namrup units of Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation Ltd. (HFC) and; Sindri, Ramagundam and Talcher units of Fertilizer Corporation of India Ltd. (FCI) have recently been reformulated on the basis of the recommendations of an Expert Group led by the Industrial credit and Investment Corporation of India Ltd. These revival packages envisage a fresh investment of Rs. 3507 crore (Rs. 869 crore for HFC and Rs. 2638 crore for FCI), apart from other reliefs and concessions to the undertakings. The scope of the revamp is to be determined on considerations of viability and tie up of the funding arrangements. No decision has been taken to close down any of the aforementioned units.

The total urea production of the HFC and million tonne during 1996-97. Their contribution to the total indigenous urea production during the relevant years was 4.55% and 4.99%, respectively. The functional units of HFC and FCI are being kept in production pending a decision on their revamp.

Lack of Equipment Hampers Vaccine Production

339. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Lack of equipment hampers vaccine production" in Stateman dated the 23rd June, 1997;

(b) if so, whether Pasteur Institute at Calcutta has not produced even a single vial of anti-rabies vaccine since the last five years;

(c) if so, the factors responsible for such slackness; and;

(d) the steps Government propose to streamline the functioning of the Institute and to start production of anti-rabies vaccine?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

रुग्ण हिन्दुस्तान फर्टिलाइजर्स कारपोरेशन और फर्टिलाइजर्स कारपोरेशन आफ़ इंडिया को चलाने के लिए कदम

340. श्री ईश दत्त यादव:
श्री रामगोपाल यादव:

क्या रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार हिन्दुस्तान फर्टिलाइजर्स कारपोरेशन और फर्टिलाइजर्स कारपोरेशन आफ इंडिया जैसे रुग्ण उर्वरक निगमों को चलाने की इच्छुक है और यदि हां तो इस संबंध में सरकार द्वारा क्या कदम उठाए गए है; और

(ख) क्या सार्वजनिक उपक्रम समिति के अध्यक्ष ने सरकार को इस बाबत कोई पत्र लिखा है, यदि हां, तो सरकार द्वारा इस संबंध में यदि कोई निर्णय लिया गया है, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है?

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री (श्री एम० अरुणाचलम): (क) और (ख) हिन्दुस्तान फर्टिलाइजर कारपोरेशन लि० (एच. एफ. सी.) तथा फर्टिलाइजर कारपोरेशन आफ इंडिया लि० (एफ. सी. आई.) के पुनरूद्धार के बारे में सार्वजनिक उपक्रम समिति के अध्यक्ष से दिनांक 22.5.97 का एक पत्र प्राप्त हुआ है।

एच. एफ. सी. के बरौनी, दुर्गापुर और नामरूप एककों/ तथा एफ. सी. आई. के सिंदरी, रामागुण्म और तालचर एककों के पुनर्द्धार पैकेज, भारतीय औद्योगिक ऋण तथा निवेश निगम लि० के नेतृत्व में विशेषज्ञ दल की सिफारिशों के आधार पर हाल ही में पुनः तैयार किये गये हैं। इन पुनरुद्धार पैकेजों में इन उपक्रमों को अन्य राहतों और रियायतों के अलावा 3507 करोड़ रुपए के नये निवेश (869 करोड़ रु० एच एफ सी के लिए तथा 2638 करोड़ रुपए एफ सी आई के लिए) की परिकल्पना की गई है। पुनरूद्धार की गुंजाईश के संबंध में निर्णय, जो कि औद्योगिक तथा वित्तीय पुनर्गठन बोर्ड (बी. आई. एफ. आर.) के अनुमोदन के अध्यधीन होगा, व्यवहारिकता के महत्व तथा वित्त पोषण के संबंध पर आधारित होगा। इसी बीच, एच. एफ. सी. तथा एफ. सी. आई. के क्रियाशील एककों को, अपने प्रचालन जारी रखने हेतु अपेक्षित सहायता दी जा रही है।

Issues related to KRIBHCO

341. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:
SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the equity share of Government in KRIBHCO:

(b) the reserve capital of KRIBHCO as on date;

(c) the year-wise income tax paid by KRIBHCO during the last five years;

(d) the projects under implementation and the total investment involved as on date;

(e) whether KRIBHCO has shelved plans for taking over fertilizer units in Russia and USA as well as dropped the proposal of a Nitro-phosphate and CAN Project at Hazira; and

(f) the amount spent on the above dropped projects?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) The equity share capital of Government of India in KRIBHCO as on 31-3-1997 was Rs. 328 crore.

(b) The concept of reserve capital under the Companies Act is not applicable to KRIBHCO, which is a Cooperative Society under the Multi-State Cooperative Societies Act, 1984.

(c) The details of the Income Tax paid by KRIBHCO during the last five years are as under:

	(Rs. in crore)
1992-93	80.21
1993-94	71.22
1994-95	93.86
1995-96	85.83
1996-97	99.22

(d) At present, there is no project of KRIBHCO under Implementation in the country. However, KRIBHCO's proposals to set up a new ammonia-urea plant at the existing site of FCI at Gorakhpur at an estimated cost of Rs. 1270 crore and a third ammonio-urea stream at Hazira Gujarat, at an estimated capital cost of Rs. 1044 crore have been submitted for investment approval under the prescribed clearance procedure.

(e) Yes, Sir.

(f) (i) KRIBHCO incurred a total expenditure of about Rs. 72 lakh on the pre-project activities of the Nitrophosphate project.

(ii) A total expenditure of about Rs. 2.57 crore was incurred on the pre-project activities relating to the acquisition of phosphatic fertilizer manufacturing facilitites in USA/Russia.